Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Am I right in taking that the licensee purchased under the conditions set forth in the Gazette ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—It is a matter of inference.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The rates were published in the Gazette. I would like to know whether the licensee did not purchase in auction under the terms of the notification.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—There was no auction, but only tender.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—The tender was accepted under the terms notified in the Gazette ?

President.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what was the reason for changing the rates after the tender was accepted ?

President.—The tender, as stated in the notification, was a mistake. Originally the rates were different, and a mistake was committed in the tender, notification, and that was brought to the notice of the Government by the tenderer, and Government thought that it would be proper that the original rates must be restored.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—If the correct rates were published in the Gazette, would not better tenders have been forthcoming ?

President.—That is a hypothetical question which is not admissible.

Officers in Government Service.

246. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention :—

(a) the total number of caste-Hindus, (2) non-caste Hindus, (3) Christians (4) Muslims and (5) Jews in the Government service drawing Rs. 25 and above per month in the (A) beginning and (B) end of last year;

(b) how many from each of the above five groups were in each Department (i) in the beginning and (2) at the end of last year ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b). The information collected is contained in the statements appended (*vide Appendix I*).

Application from trained candidates.

247. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention :—

(a) whether those who have undergone private training

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